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INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

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SUBJECT: POLISH AMBASSADOR COMMENTS ON ASAD'S MOSCOW TRIP

POLISH AMBASSADOR BOZYM TOLD ME OCTOBER 18 THAT ONE SPECIFIC AIM OF PRESIDENT ASAD IN GOING TO MOSCOW WAS TO ASK FOR MORE DIRECT SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN ME PEACE PROCESS. ASAD REPORTEDLY TOLD SOVIET LEADERS THAT HE CONSIDERED TIME HAD ARRIVED FOR SOVIETS TO TABLE THEIR OWN PEACE INITIATIVE. BOZYM LEARNED THIS FROM HIS CONTACTS IN SYRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY WHO WERE DIRECTLY INFORMED BY BAATH PARTY MEMBERS WHO ACCOMPANIED PRESIDENT TO MOSCOW.

2. BOZYM OBSERVED THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR MOUKHITDINOV WAS EXPECTED BACK FROM MOSCOW MOMENTARILY AND HE WOULD GET A FULLER READING FROM HIM ABOUT VISIT IN NEAR FUTURE, INCLUDING WHAT, IF ANY, INITIATIVE SOVIETS MIGHT CONSIDER TAKING. BOZYM PERSONALLY VIEWS CURRENT ME DIPLOMATIC SITUATION AS ONE OF TOTAL IMPASSE AND SUSPECTS THIS WELL SUITS SYRIAN POLICY WHICH HE SEES AS AIMED AT CONSOLIDATION OF POSITION OF INDEPENDENCE FROM CAIRO, DEVELOPMENT OF IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH IRAQ AND MAINTENANCE OF CORDIAL TIES WITH PLO.

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